

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2004 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-55-2004  
Proposed by Council Member Knotts  
Introduced by Council Members Knotts, Dean, Exum and Peters  
Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Introduction July 21, 2004

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Special Election to Fill a Council Vacancy

3 For the purpose of directing that a special election be held to fill a vacancy on the County  
4 Council and to establish the dates for conducting the special primary election, the special  
5 election, and the deadline for the certification of candidacy.

6 WHEREAS, Section 2-104 of the County Code provides that when there is a vacancy in the  
7 office of a Council Member during the first three years of a term, the Council shall, within seven  
8 days after such vacancy occurs, adopt a Resolution directing that a special primary election and  
9 special election by the registered voters of the Council District concerned be held to fill the  
10 vacancy; and

11 WHEREAS, the Honorable Peter A. Shapiro, representing the Second Council District,  
12 resigned effective July 17, 2004, thereby creating a vacancy in the office; and

13 WHEREAS, the Resolution directing that a special primary election and special election by  
14 the registered voters of the Second Council District be held to fill the vacancy shall specify:

15 (1) The date by which a certificate of candidacy must be filed with the Board of  
16 Elections;

17 (2) The date for the special primary election; and

18 (3) The date for the special election; and

19 WHEREAS, the date of the special primary election shall be any Tuesday which is at least  
20 forty-five (45) calendar days, but not more than sixty (60) calendar days, following the  
21 occurrence of the vacancy; and

1           WHEREAS, the date of the special election shall be any Tuesday which is at least sixty  
2 (60) calendar days, but not more than ninety (90) calendar days, following the occurrence of the  
3 vacancy, provided however, that no special election shall be held within thirty calendar days  
4 prior to a regularly scheduled election; and

5           WHEREAS, polling places shall be open between the hours of 7 A.M. and 8 P.M.; and

6           WHEREAS, the Council has consulted with the Board of Elections before adopting the  
7 Resolution directing that a special primary election and a special election be held to fill the  
8 vacancy; and

9           WHEREAS, the County shall provide funding to cover the costs for the special election  
10 incurred by the Board of Elections.

11           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
12 County, Maryland, that:

13           (1) The date for the special primary election shall be Tuesday, September 14, 2004;

14           (2) The date for the special election shall be on the same day as the general election  
15 conducted on Tuesday, November 2, 2004; and

16           (3) The date by which a certificate of candidacy must be filed with the Board of Elections  
17 shall be Monday, August 16, 2004; and

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Elections shall identify the costs incurred  
19 to conduct the special election and shall submit a request for a supplemental budget  
20 appropriation to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget within sixty days after the  
21 special election.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within seven calendar days after the adoption of this  
23 Resolution, the Board of Elections shall publish once in at least one newspaper of general  
24 circulation a notice that a vacancy has occurred, that a special primary election and special  
25 election will be held on the dates specified to fill the vacancy.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2004

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Knotts  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council